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SUB:PRESS COVERAGE OF KISSINGER'S OIC SPEECH

1. GHANA'S TWO LARGEST DAILIES, DAILY GRAPHIC AND GHANAIAN TIMES, RAN VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL WIRE SERVICE STORIES SEPTEMBER 2 COVERING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AUGUST 31 AFRICAN POLICY SPEECH BEFORE OIC CONVENTION. THE STORIES, UNDER GRAPHIC'S "BLACK RULE IS INEVITABLE-DR K" HEADLINE AND TIMES' "DR K WARNS RACIST WHITE REGIMES" HEADLINE, FEATURED KISSINGER'S WARNING TO NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA THAT MAJORITY RULE IS INEVITABLE AND HIS COMMENT THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S INTERNAL STRUCTURE IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH ANY CONCEPT OF HUMAN DIGNITY. STORIES ALSO REPORTED COMMENT BY A KISSINGER AIDE THAT U.S. VIEWS SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION AS CRISIS THAT IS LIKELY TO GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER.

2. IN EDITORIAL, TITLE "A CHANCE FOR THE U.S.," DAILY GRAPHIC COMMENTED THAT EVEN THOUGH PURPOSE OF UPCOMING KISSINGER-VORSTER TALKS IS TO SAVE U.S. "EMBARRASSMENT OF HAVING TO PUT UP WITH A UN ECONOMIC SANCTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA", MEETING CAN HAVE A POSITIVE EFFECT ON SOUTH AFRICAN SITUATION. EDITORIAL GOES ON TO SAY "PAST U.S. RECORD GIVES REASON TO BE SKEPTICAL" THAT MEETING WILL PRODUCE ANYTHING MORE THAN "TOKEN CONCESSIONARY ACTION OVER NAMIBIA." EDITORIAL ATTACHED KISSINGER'S ASSERTION THAT SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS NOT ILLEGITIMATE AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAS TAKEN POSITIVE STEPS ON NAMIBIAN QUESTION,

SAYING THAT "ILLEGITIMACY OF APARTHEID REGIME HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT CRUX OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN LIBERATION STRUGGLE" AND THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S ACTION IN NAMIBIA HAVE BEEN DECLARED ILLEGAL BY UN. EDITORIAL THEN COMMENTED THAT "MAIN RESULT OF LAST KISSINGER-VORSTER MEETING WAS CHANCE IT GAVE VORSTER TO ASK FOR U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR HIS COUNTRY." HOWEVER, DESPITE THIS DAILY GRAPHIC APPEALS TO U.S. TO MAKE UP FOR OPPORTUNITIES IT LOST IN ANGOLA AND ZIMBABWE TO CHAMPION FREEDOM AND JUSTICE BY GETTING VORSTER TO "AGREE TO DO THE RIGHT THING." THE EDITORIAL CLOSES WITH THOUGHT THAT "AFRICAN MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IS INEVITABLE. WHAT FORM IT WILL TAKE AND HOW IT WILL COME ABOUT CAN BE POSITIVELY INFLUENCED BY U.S." LINEHAN

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